

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ilisagvik College****Project Title:****Ilisagvik College - Workforce Development Program****State Funding Requested: \$ 300,000**
One-Time Need**House District: 40 - T****Brief Project Description:**

This grant will support the expansion of the college's workforce training programs in response to the many construction and industry needs on the North Slope and statewide.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$300,000**Funding Secured

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Other Pending Requests

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Anticipated Future Need

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Ilisagvik College is the only accredited college located within the boundaries of the North Slope Borough and it is the only tribal college in the state. The college is not eligible for TVEP funding. The college offers two-year Associate Degrees, as well as certificates and endorsements in vocational, academic and workforce development fields. Students are served at the campus in Barrow as well as seven villages via distance delivery. Last year 800 students were enrolled at the college or 10% of the North Slope population. Additionally, the college enrolls students from around the state and has dorm accommodations for more students. The college works with the University system to insure there are no duplication of programs. With the upcoming construction of the natural gas pipeline project, Ilisagvik College would like to be considered as one of the state's leading training agencies. Expanding an already existing and proven program to meet the growing training needs of the state makes the most sense. The college is requesting \$300,000 to expand the current training programs to include the following: a fork lift (\$70,000), a D-5 Caterpillar (\$70,000), updated shop equipment to include welders, cutters, torches, and shop tools (\$70,000), and an additional instructor (\$90,000). All of the additions and upgrades will be used to train students for the important construction and capital projects occurring on the North Slope and around the state. The college has an excellent placement rate for its graduates and works with the local companies to secure job placement in needed areas.

Project Timeline:

Money will be expended during the fiscal year.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Ilisagvik

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Beverly Grinage President

Phone Number: 852-1833

Address: Box 749 Barrow Ak. 99723

Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



February 19, 2008

Representative Joule
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Joule:

Greetings from Barrow! Ilisagvik College is the only accredited, Alaska Native controlled institution in Alaska, and is the only college located within the boundaries of the Arctic Slope. Two years ago we also became the only Tribal College in the state. We offer two-year Associate Degrees, as well as certificates and endorsements in vocational, academic, and workforce development fields. Every program we offer at the college not only models our Inupiat traditions, values, and culture, but also has substantial career and employment opportunities in the Arctic as well as elsewhere in Alaska. We serve students at our campus in Barrow as well as all seven of the other North Slope villages via distance delivery.

We are proud to say that our enrollment numbers are now at record high levels as we educated over 800 students last school year. That is more than 10% of the North Slope population! However, this also means we must add to our current services to help our college grow and continue to meet the training needs of our northern communities.

With the upcoming construction of the natural gas pipeline project, Ilisagvik College would like to be considered as one of the state's leading training agencies. We have heard discussion that a new training facility may be needed to address the need for qualified Alaskan residents to work on the new gasline project. Ilisagvik College already addresses these needs, has the curriculum, and can provide this training. We currently receive no state support for any of our workforce development programs however we train hundreds of residents each year who are directly employable in the North Slope oil fields.

P.O. Box 749 BARROW, ALASKA 99723 907-852-3333 FAX 907-852-2729

SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF THE NORTH SLOPE



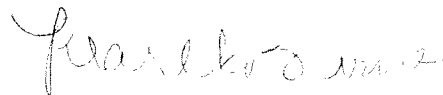
We are requesting support in the amount of \$300,000 to increase our training capabilities. These funds will go toward hiring an additional instructor for our Workforce Development programs who can travel to all of our villages (\$90,000), provide funds to purchase (and ship to Barrow) two capital expenditures: a fork-lift (\$70,000) and a D-5 Caterpillar (\$70,000), and provide updated shop equipment: welders, cutters, torches, and various shop tools (\$70,000). All of these are necessary additions and upgrades that will be used to train our students for the important construction and capital projects occurring on the North Slope.

We appreciate your consideration in supporting the expansion of our Workforce Development Programs in response to the many construction and industry needs on the North Slope. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Pearl Brower. Her direct line is 907-852-1833 and her email is pearl.brower@ilisagvik.cc. We are planning a trip to Juneau in early March and hope to meet with you to discuss these matters further.

Quyanaqpak, Thank-You.



Beverly Patkotak Grinage
President



Pearl K. Brower
Special Assistant to the President
External Affairs